

Action on the merits, Applicants are hereby providing the following remarks.

At page 3 of the Office Action referred to above, the Examiner indicated that the Sequence Listing submitted on July 26, 1999 was received and entered into the database. However, the Examiner indicated that some sequences were still without sequence identifiers, such as those listing on page 25. However, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the specification directed in the July 26, 1999 Amendment were not properly entered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Specifically, by referring to page 3 of the July 26, 1999 Amendment, it is evident that correct sequence identifiers were added to page 25 of the specification. Applicants are providing herewith a full copy of the July 26, 1999 Amendment, as well as a postcard indicating receipt of the same on July 26, 1999 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner correct the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office copy of the specification and withdraw the objection to the Sequence Listing.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to the above issues, please contact Craig A. McRobbie, Registration No. 42,874, at the offices of BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Copy of July 26, 1999 Amendment and stamped postcard